

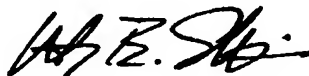
**REMARKS**

The only issue in the office action mailed August 1, 2006, is the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102. At page 3 of the office action, it is indicated that claim 7-9 are allowable, if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 1 has been rewritten to incorporate the features of claim 7, and claims 8 and 9 have been placed in independent form by reciting all of the features of claim 1. It is therefore respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance, and passage to issue is respectfully requested.

Should the examiner have any questions or comments, he is cordially to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402:

Respectfully submitted,



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